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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☒ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application
no.: 09/884,797; filed June 18, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its
entirety.
☒ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/397,639; filed July 22, 2002.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Robert J. Proebsting
Scott Yu-Fan Chu
Michael Miller
Mark Baumann

Entitled: CONTENT ADDRESSABLE MEMORY (CAM) DEVICES HAVING SOFT PRIORITY
RESOLUTION CIRCUITS THEREIN AND METHODS OF OPERATING SAME

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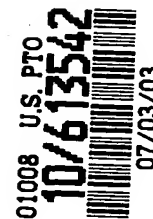
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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 50 pages of Specification (including 57 claims)
3. ☒ 14 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.



7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and _____ references cited
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
13. ☐ Certified Copy of _____ Application No. _____ ; Filed
14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
 - a. ☐ computer readable copy
 - b. ☐ paper copy
 - c. ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17. ☒ Other: **Nonpublication Request, Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.41(c)**

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 - b. ☐ Additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

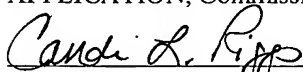

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In re: Kee Park et al.
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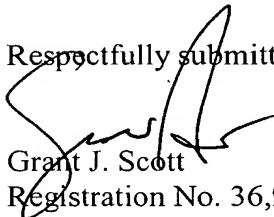
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APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.41(c)

Sir:

The above-identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors, Kee Park, Robert J. Proebsting, Scott Yu-Fan Chu, Michael Miller and Mark Bauman, residents of California, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventors will follow, 37 CFR 1.63.

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor

Kee Park

Title

**Content Addressable Memory (CAM) Devices
Having Soft Priority Resolution Circuits
Therein and Methods of Operating Same**

Attorney Docket Number

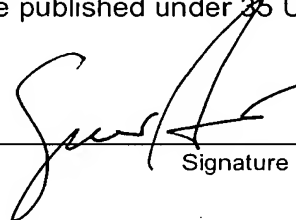
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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

July 3, 2003

Date



Signature

919/854-1400

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Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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